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IRRIGATION SYSTEM EXPANDED
IN HAMGYONG NAMDO

Work on expansion of the irrigation system, covering a total area of 1,600 chungbo, in nine localities in Hamgyong Namdo was completed at the end of May. The canals were immediately put into service and the fields, with a yield capacity of over 3,000 tons of grain, were irrigated. In one section, four modern pumps were used to pump the water up 22 meters to irrigate 375 chungbo of upland rice fields having a yield capacity of 12,000 sok (one sok is 5 bushels) of rice.

It is expected that the present expansion of the irrigation system in the nine localities will result in an over-all increase of crops by more than 200 percent.

There are three other places in the province where irrigation expansion projects are now in progress under the Three-Year Plan. An extended area of more than 1,000 chungbo will be irrigated upon completion, with the estimated increase of 2,000 tons of grain. According to the plan, work is under way to complete 1,601 meters of the main canal and 12 branch canals before the end of the year. This represents 70 percent of the total project. At this rate, the entire project will be completed by May 1950.

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